Albuquerque Talent Development Academy (ATDA)

Governing Council (GC) Meeting Minutes

01/18/22

GC Members: Jose Scott, President (**Present**)

Frank A. Berged III, Vice President (**Present**)

Rommie Compher, Secretary (**Present**)

Brian Jones, Member (**Present**)

Others Present: Lucinda Montano-Molina, Principal

Michael Davis, Assistant Principal/Technology

Whitney Galindo, Business Manager

Constance Dove, Owner/Broker of DPA, LLC.

Steve Nakamura, Rachel Matthew Development

Sue Fox, Attorney for Matthews Fox, P.C.

Wynnell Lebsack, AVID Teacher

Chris Starr, English Teacher

Isaiah Gallegos, Science Teacher

Melissa Mendonca, GEARUP Coordinator

Gabriel Nemiroff, Social Studies Teacher

Berdine Hull, Special Education

Lisa Hilden, Special Education Coordinator

Nora Padilla, English/Spanish Teacher

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance @ 5:32 PM: Jose Scott

**[Open Session]**

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| **Approval of Agenda** |
| Motion to ApproveBrian Jones | Motion SecondedFrank A. Berged III |
| VoteJose Scott – Approved Frank A. Berged III – Approved Rommie Compher – Approved Brian Jones – Approved |

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| **Approval of 12/15/21 Minutes** |
| Motion to ApproveFrank A. Berged III | Motion SecondedBrian Jones |
| VoteJose Scott – Approved Frank A. Berged III – Approved Rommie Compher – Approved Brian Jones – Approved |

**Public Input**

Gabriel Nemiroff – Mr. Nemiroff expressed his support of the initiative to change the name of the school due to two specific problems: One, the name of the school creates enrollment difficulties due to confusion about the school potentially being a performing arts school, and two, as relocation occurs, he feels that ATDA has outgrown the talent development model and that we don’t really operate this model of school. Mr. Nemiroff offered some of the possible names under consideration, including Academy at the Petroglyphs and Elevation Charter High School, but also mentioned that public input would be sought before any decisions were made.

Wynnell Lebsack – Ms. Lebsack, the school’s new AVID teacher, feels that ATDA is a school that integrates the students and the community. Thus, it may be important for students to have a stake in the identity of the school, which would include having a say in the name of the school if it were to change.

Melissa Mendoca – Melissa expressed that a transparent name change could bring more people in and allow the school to be guided with excitement and passion. A call to trust that the team in place now at the school will usher in a level of involvement, in her estimation, that can both represent the past while energizing the student body for the future.

Chris Starr – Mr. Starr echoed confusion over the word “Talent” in the school’s name and admitted he himself was confused when starting out at the school as to the meaning of this word. He supports a school name that does not feature the word “Talent” in the title.

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| **Motion to Enter Closed Session** – The entry into closed session was approved with confirmation that the only items to be discussed in Closed Session be the Real Property Acquisition item pursuant to §10-15-1(H)(8) of NMSA 1978 and discussion of threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant pursuant to §10-15-1(H)(7) of NMSA 1978. Connie Dove and Steve Nakamura were invited into the closed session by the council to provide input on the Real Property Acquisition item, while Sue Fox was invited into the session to provide input on the Real Property Acquisition item as well as the threatened/pending litigation item. |
| Motion to ApproveRommie Compher | Motion SecondedFrank A. Berged III |
| VoteJose Scott – Approved Frank A. Berged III – Approved Rommie Compher – Approved Brian Jones – Approved |

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**[Closed Session]** – Entered @ 6:05 PM

**[Open Session]** – Entered @ 8:05 PM

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**Directives from Closed Session**

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| **Motion to Enter Open Session and Confirm Items Discussed** – A motion was made upon reentry into Open Session to confirm that the only items discussed in closed session were the items listed on the agenda pursuant to the above-named sections of NMSA 1978. |
| Motion to ApproveFrank A. Berged III | Motion SecondedRommie Compher |
| VoteJose Scott – Approved Frank A. Berged III – Approved Rommie Compher – Approved Brian Jones – Approved |

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| **Motion to Follow Directives Discussed in Closed Session** – A motion was made confirming the council’s support of the decisions and actions that were approved in closed session pursuant to the appropriate sections of NMSA 1978. |
| Motion to ApproveRommie Compher | Motion SecondedFrank A. Berged III |
| VoteJose Scott – Approved Frank A. Berged III – Approved Rommie Compher – Approved Brian Jones – Approved |

**Financial Information Items –** Presented by Whitney Galindo

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| **Financial Action Items –** A motion was made to approve BARs, Payroll & Accounts Payable Vouchers, Warrants over $5,000.00, and the Bank Reconciliation. There were no BARs for the month of December. There was one warrant over $5,000.00 for the month of December; #15694 to Saylor Family Trust for the school site. The warrant was approved by the council. |
| Motion to ApproveRommie Compher | Motion SecondedFrank A. Berged III |
| VoteJose Scott – Approved Frank A. Berged III – Approved Rommie Compher – Approved Brian Jones – Approved |

**[Personnel Items]** – NONE

**[Staff/Committee Briefings] Principal’s Report –** Presented by Lucinda Montano-Molina: Enrollment is increasing steadily and ATDA is up to about 115 students at this time with 30 students online. The school has joined the Hispano Chamber of Commerce and school personnel are in the process of networking with chamber members and establishing opportunities for ATDA staff and students. ATDA has had some virtual school days recently due to ongoing COVID-related issues as well as a cyberattack on APS systems, but the school is well equipped for this and the transitions have been conducted without difficulty. Dr. Escobedo completed the APS Fall Site Visit in December and the school achieved a green rating in all categories except for those pertaining to GC Membership and Cash Balances, which were rated yellow.

**Additional Final Action Items**

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| **Approval of the 2022-2023 School Calendar** |
| Motion to ApproveRommie Compher | Motion SecondedFrank A. Berged III |
| VoteJose Scott – Approved Frank A. Berged III – Approved Rommie Compher – Approved Brian Jones – Approved |

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| **Motion to Table Discussion/Approval of School Name Change and Discussion/Approval of the Floor Plan for the New School** |
| Motion to ApproveFrank A. Berged III | Motion SecondedRommie Compher |
| VoteJose Scott – Approved Frank A. Berged III – Approved Rommie Compher – Approved Brian Jones – Approved |

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| **Scheduling of Next ATDA Governing Council Meetings*** A special session GC Meeting has been scheduled for 02/01/22 @ 5:30 PM.
* The February 2022 GC Meeting has been scheduled for 02/15/22 @ 5:30 PM.
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| Motion to ApproveFrank A. Berged III | Motion SecondedRommie Compher |
| VoteJose Scott – Approved Frank A. Berged III – Approved Rommie Compher – Approved Brian Jones – Approved |

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| **Motion to Adjourn @ 8:24 PM** |
| Motion to ApproveRommie Compher | Motion SecondedBrian Jones |
| VoteJose Scott – Approved Frank A. Berged III – Approved Rommie Compher – Approved Brian Jones – Approved |